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LETTER DATED 15 APRIL 1999 FROM THE PERMANENT OBSERVER FOR THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In accordance with Article 54 of the Charter of the United Nations, I have the honour to transmit herewith resolution No. 5849 dated 18 March 1999, entitled "Foreign conspiratorial schemes against the Sudan", adopted by the Council of the League of Arab States at its one hundred and eleventh regular session at the level of Ministers for Foreign Affairs, held at Cairo on 17 and 18 March 1999 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would draw the attention of the members of the Security Council to the present letter and its annex and have them circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hussein HASSOUNA
Ambassador

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Annex

[Original: Arabic]

Resolution 5849 of 18 March 1999, adopted by the Council of the League of Arab States at its one hundred and eleventh regular session, held in Cairo on 17 and 18 March 1999

Foreign conspiratorial schemes against the Sudan

The Council of the League of Arab States,

[Having considered:]

The note dated 1 February 1999 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Sudan to the League of Arab States (BDJ/1/10/111),

And the recommendation of the Political Committee,

Having heard the report of the delegation of the Sudan on the scope of the foreign intervention in the internal affairs of the Sudan and on developments in connection with the foreign scheme to destabilize the country and jeopardise its security and territorial integrity,

Recalling resolution 189 adopted by the Arab Summit Conference at its extraordinary session held in Baghdad from 28 to 30 May 1990,

Further recalling Council resolutions 5374 of 27 March 1994, 5746 of 25 March 1998, 5781 of 24 August 1998 and 5794 of 17 September 1998,

Decides:

1. To reaffirm its resolution 5781, adopted at the extraordinary session of 24 August 1998, condemning the United States bombing of the Shifa pharmaceutical plant in Khartoum and deeming it to be an act of aggression against the Sudan, a serious violation of the country's sovereignty and territorial integrity and a flagrant breach of all the relevant covenants and conventions, of the norms of international law and, above all, of the Charter of the United Nations;

2. To reaffirm its support for the Sudan in confronting threats to its sovereignty, stability and territorial integrity and in rejecting any attempts at partition, and to assist its endeavours in regional and international organizations;

3. To condemn the threat by the United States to engage in renewed aggression against the Sudan, thereby demonstrating its contempt for the international rule of law and acting in flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations;

4. To call upon the international community to take a stand against the use of military force to resolve problems between States, and to urge self-restraint and the pursuit of constructive dialogue on political and security-related matters as an approach based on respect for the international rule of law, the sovereignty of States and non-intervention in the internal affairs of others;

5. To call attention to the fact that foreign intervention in the affairs of a State member of the League of Arab States poses a danger to security and stability in the region;

6. To urge Arab States to continue their efforts to provide increased humanitarian assistance to the Sudan in coping with the dire humanitarian situation in the country and to endorse and support the endeavours being made to achieve a comprehensive peace in southern Sudan;

7. To request the Secretary-General to take the necessary action with regard to the follow-up mechanism and to cooperate with the relevant bodies and organizations, and primarily with the Security Council and the United Nations, for the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Council of the League in support of the Sudan in the forums in question.

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